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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, EG, IS, US

SUBJECT: AMOCO SEISMIC WORK IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: CAIRO 16462

1. FOR CAIRO: REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT ROSS CRAIG, MANAGER AMOCO CAIRO, AND ASK HIM ON URGENT BASIS TO INSTRUCT BOAT CONDUCTING SEISMIC PROGRAM FOR AMOCO IN GULF OF SUEZ NOT REPEAT NOT TO CROSS SO-CALLED MEDIAN LINE FOR ANY PURPOSE UNTIL USG DISCUSSES MATTER WITH GOI. CROSSING LINE PRIOR TO SUCH DISCUSSIONS, EVEN SOLELY FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES, COULD RESULT IN INCIDENT WHICH MIGHT NEEDLESSLY HAMPER AMOCO OPERATIONS. YOU MAY TELL CRAIG WE ARE INFORMING GOI OF POSSIBLE QUOTE TURN AROUND UNQUOTE PROBLEM AND WILL SEEK EARLY AMICABLE SOLUTION.

2. FOR TEL AVIV: PLEASE CONVEY TO GOI COORDINATES DESCRIBING WHERE AMOCO'S SEISMIC PROGRAM IN GULF OF SUEZ WILL BE CONDUCTED AND DESCRIBE QUOTE TURN AROUND UNQUOTE PROBLEM (REFTEL). YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THE BOAT HAS NO PLANS TO WORK EAST OF THE MEDIAN LINE CLAIMED BY ISRAEL AND  
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EXPRESS STRONG HOPE ISRAEL WILL NOT INTERFERE IN ANY PURELY

NAVIGATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BOAT TO CROSS QUOTE MEDIAN  
LINE UNQUOTE IN ORDER TO TURN AROUND. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT  
WE ARE CONVEYING THIS INFORMATION FROM AMOCO IN RESPONSE TO  
INITIAL QUERY FROM ISRAELI EMBASSY HERE (STATE 289674) ABOUT

MOVEMENT OF THE SEISMIC SHIP IN QUESTION. IN EFFECT, WE  
HAVE OBTAINED AMOCO'S ASSURANCE THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION  
AT THIS TIME OF DOING ANY WORK EAST OF QUOTE MEDIAN LINE  
UNQUOTE, AND WE HOPE GOI WILL MAKE CERTAIN ITS NAVAL UNITS  
IN GULF UNDERSTAND THAT ANY CROSSING OF LINE IS -  
NECESSITATED SOLELY BY NAVIGATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ARISING  
FROM CONDUCT OF SEISMIC OPERATIONS WEST OF LINE. WE LEAVE  
IT TO YOU AT WHAT LEVEL TO CONVEY FOREGOING TO GOI, BUT  
WE WANT TO HANDLE THIS AS QUICKLY AND AS MATTER OF FACTLY  
AS POSSIBLE, WITHOUT MAKING MAJOR PRODUCTION OF IT OR  
IMPLYING IT IS OTHER THAN ROUTINE.

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